

MINUTES

OF THE

South Georgia Conference

OF THE

M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH,

HELD IN THE

CITY OF COLUMBUS, GA.,

Dec. 13th-18th, 1871.

MACON, GA.:

J. W. BURKE & CO., PRINTERS AND BINDERS.

1872.

OFFICERS.

PRESIDENT:

Bishop W. M. WIGHTMAN.

SECRETARY:

J. BLAKELY SMITH.

ASSISTANTS:

Henry D. Moore,

Stephen D. Clements,

I. S. Hopkins.

MINUTES.

QUESTION 1.—*Who are admitted on trial?*

ANSWER.—Robert M. Lockwood, George C. Thompson, William J. Green, John Domingos, J. Fletcher Mixon, Burrel S. Key—6.

QUES. 2.—*Who remain on trial?*

ANS.—Adam A. Robinson, Robert L. Honiker, Robert D. Gentry, Summerfield N. Tucker, William A. Green, John B. Culpepper, John W. Glenn—7.

QUES. 3.—*Who are discontinued?*

ANS.—James K. Armstrong, Isaac C. Rabun, James Skipper. (Discontinued at their own request.)

QUES. 4.—*Who are admitted into full connection?*

ANS.—Edwin J. Burch, William G. Boothe, Julian S. Jordan—3.

QUES. 5.—*Who are re-admitted?*

ANS.—None.

QUES. 6.—*Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?*

ANS.—Arminius Wright, W. Watkin Hicks.

QUES. 7.—*Who are the Deacons of one year?*

ANS.—William M. C. Conley, Daniel G. Pope, Julian S. Jordan—3.

QUES. 8.—*What traveling Preachers are elected Deacons?*

ANS.—Edwin J. Burch.

QUES. 9.—*What traveling Preachers are ordained Deacons?*

ANS.—Edwin J. Burch.

QUES. 10.—*What local Preachers are elected Deacons?*

ANS.—Robert M. Lockwood, John T. McLaughlin, W. N. Clemmons, J. Sloman Ashmore—4.

QUES. 11.—*What local Preachers are ordained Deacons?*

ANS.—Robert M. Lockwood, John T. McLaughlin, Robert Leslie, John T. Whitaker—4.

QUES. 12.—*What traveling Preachers are elected Elders?*

ANS.—Henry J. Ellis.

QUES. 13.—*What traveling Preachers are ordained Elders?*

ANS.—Henry J. Ellis, John M. Potter—2.

QUES. 14.—*What local Preachers are elected Elders?*

ANS.—Richard Cain, Stephen E. Bassett, Isaiah L. Avant, Constantine B. Anderson, Victor E. Manget, J. F. Mixon—6.

QUES. 15.—*What local Preachers are ordained Elders?*

ANS.—Richard Cain, Stephen E. Bassett, Isaiah L. Avant, Victor E. Manget, J. Fletcher Mixon, Andrew P. Payne, William T. Rea—7.

QUES. 16.—*Who are located this year?*

ANS.—None.

QUES. 17.—*Who are supernumerary?*

ANS.—Robert F. Williamson, William M. C. Conley—2.

QUES. 18.—*Who are superannuated?*

ANS.—Charles A. Moore, Wyatt Brooks, John H. Robinson, David Blalock, Jacob R. Owen, Henry P. Pitchford, William W. Griffin, Capel Raiford, Thomas C. Coleman, F. R. C. Ellis, Young F. Tignor, James Dunwoody, Reuben H. Lucky, David Crenshaw, James Jones, Wm. B. McHan, John W. Talley—17.

QUES. 19.—*What Preachers have died during the past year?*

ANS.—John M. Bonnell and John S. Ford, Ministers; Joseph H. Hines, a Layman.

QUES. 20.—*Are all the Preachers blameless in their life and official administration?*

ANS.—Their names were called, one by one, and their characters were examined and passed.

QUES. 21.—*What is the number of local Preachers and members in the several circuits, stations, and missions of the Conference?*

ANS.—Members, 24,452. Preachers, 215. (See Statistical Reports.)

QUES. 22.—*How many infants have been baptized during the year?*

ANS.—719. (See Statistical Table.)

QUES. 23.—*How many adults have been baptized during the year?*

ANS.—1,724. (See Statistical Tables.)

QUES. 24.—*What is the number of Sunday-schools?*

ANS.—276. (See Statistical Tables.)

QUES. 25.—*What is the number of Sunday-school teachers?*

ANS.—1,742. (See Statistical Tables.)

QUES. 26.—*What is the number of Sunday-school scholars?*

ANS.—11,558. (See Statistical Tables.)

QUES. 27.—*What amount is necessary for the superannuated Preachers, and the widows and orphans of Preachers?*

ANS.—\$9,960 00.

QUES. 28.—*What has been collected on the foregoing account, and how has it been applied?*

ANS.—\$5,031 08. Paid to claimants.

QUES. 29.—*What has been contributed for Missions?*

ANS.—\$6,198 15.

QUES. 30.—*Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?*

ANS.—Thomasville, Ga.

QUES. 31.—*Where are the preachers stationed this year?*

ANS.—See Appointments.

APPOINTMENTS FOR 1872.

Savannah District—JAMES O. A. CLARK, PRESIDING ELDER.

Savannah, Trinity	JAMES E. EVANS,
“ Wesley Church and City Mission	GEO. G. N. MACDONELL.
Springfield.....	THOS. B. LANIER,
Mizpah.....	JOHN J. MORGAN.
Sylvania.....	WM. T. McMICHAEL.
Bethel	To be supplied by R. M. LOVETT.
Alexander.....	JAS. A. ROSSER.
Waynesboro.....	N. B. OUSLEY.
Louisville.....	CAROLIN C. HINES.
Sandersville and Davisboro.....	WM. S. BAKER.
Washington	John B. CULPEPPER.
Gibson.....	S. N. TUCKER, John Domingos.

Macon District—JAMES W. HINTON, PRESIDING ELDER.

Macon, Mulberry and Vineville.....	JAS. O. BRANCH.
East Macon and Swift Creek.....	JOHN W. BURKE.
{ First Street.....	W. WATKIN HICKS.
{ City Mission.....	Supplied by R. CAIN.
Macon Circuit.....	Julian S. JORDAN.
Gordon.....	W. J. GREEN.
Irwinton.....	Supplied by F. FLANDERS.
{ Jeffersonville.....	ROBERT F. EVANS.
{ Twiggs.....	Supplied by W. GRIFFIN.
Fort Valley and Marshallville	FRANKLIN A. BRANCH.
Beaver Dam.....	WM. W. TIDWELL.
Perry.....	ALVIN J. DEAN.
Hayneville.....	ED. A. H. McGEEHEE.
Montezuma and Providence.....	To be supplied.
O. L. SMITH, President Emory College.	
ISAAC T. HOPKINS, Professor Emory College.	
E. H. MYERS, President Wesleyan Female College.	
C. W. SMITH and W. C. BASS, Professors Wesleyan Female College.	

South Georgia Conference.

Columbus District—T. T. CHRISTIAN, PRESIDING ELDER.

Columbus, St. Luke's.....	JOSEPH S. KEY.
" { St. Paul's.	A. WRIGHT.
" { Wesley Chapel.....	W. M. D. BOND.
Girard and Asbury Chapel.....	Supplied by J. E. Tooke.
Muscogee.....	To be supplied.
Hamilton.....	W. M. F. ROBISON.
Talbotton.....	ROBERT W. DIXON.
Talbot.....	D. R. McWILLIAMS, R. L. Honiker.
{ Geneva.....	S. R. WEAVER.
{ Juniper Mission.....	W. A. Green.
Butler.....	JESSE R. LITTLEJOHN.
Buena Vista.....	W. M. W. STEWART.
Cusseta.....	S. D. CLEMENTS.
Oglethorpe.....	GEO. S. JOHNSON.
Lovick PIERCE, Conference Missionary Agent.	
H. D. MOORE, President LeVert Female College.	

Americus District—J. BLAKELY SMITH, PRESIDING ELDER.

Americus,.....	ALEX. M. WYNN.
Bethel,.....	JAMES HARRIS.
Magnolia Springs,.....	JNO. M. MARSHALL.
Ellaville,.....	C. A. CROWELL, R. F. WILLIAMSON, Sup.
Smithville and Mission,.....	D. O'DRISCOLL.
{ Cuthbert,.....	B. F. BREEDLOVE.
{ St. Paul's and Miller's Chapel.....	B. J. BALDWIN.
Georgetown,.....	To be supplied.
Spring Vale,.....	N. D. MOREHOUSE.
Dawson,.....	GEO. C. CLARKE.
Terrell,.....	GEO. T. EMBRY.
Weston,.....	E. J. RENTZ.
Lumpkin,.....	J. M. AUSTIN.
{ Stewart,.....	J. B. WARDLAW.
{ Florence,.....	To be supplied.
J. B. McGHEE, President Andrew Female College.	
S. ANTHONY, Agent Orphans Home.	

Bainbridge District—R. B. LESTER, PRESIDING ELDER.

Bainbridge,.....	W. KNOX.
Decatur,.....	J. F. MIXON.
Trinity,.....	G. C. THOMPSON.
Colquitt,.....	W. F. ROBERTS, J. M. POTTER.
Fort Gaines and Blakely,.....	W. M. HAYES.
Morgan,.....	J. D. MAULDIN.
Camilla,.....	J. T. AINSWORTH.
Cairo,.....	P. C. HARRIS.
Grooversville,.....	R. H. HOWREN.
Duncansville,.....	L. C. PEEK.
Thomasville,.....	C. R. JEWETT.
Albany and Mission,.....	R. J. CORLEY.

Hawkinsville District—J. E. SENTELL, PRESIDING ELDER.

Hawkinsville,.....	Robt. M. Lockwood.
Cochran Mission,.....	L. A. DARSEY.
Pulaski and Wilcox,.....	Supplied by W. D. Bussey.
Vienna,.....	JAS. SPENCE.
Dooly Mission.....	Supplied by W. N. Clemons.
Flint River Mission,.....	" " W. M. Russell.
Moultrie Mission,.....	" " W. M. Bunten.

Nashville.....	J. J. GILES.
Alapaha Mission,.....	B S. Key.
Ocmulgee,.....	W. LANE.

Brunswick District—L. B. PAYNE, PRESIDING ELDER.

Brunswick and City Mission,.....	J. O. A. COOK.
St. Marys,.....	H. P. MYERS.
Center Village,.....	W. H. THOMAS.
Waynesville,.....	J. L. WILLIAMS.
Waresboro',.....	T. S. ARMSTEAD.
Jessup,.....	W. M. WATTS.
Holmesville,.....	Supplied by J. Ware.
Stockton,.....	S. G. CHILDS.
Valdosta,.....	W. M. KENNEDY.
Quitman,.....	S. S. SWEET.
Morven.....	ALEX. P. WRIGHT.

Hinesville District—JOHN W. SIMMONS, PRESIDING ELDER.

Hinesville.....	Wm. G. BOOTHE.
Bryan Mission.....	Wm. M. C. Conley. Supt.
Darien and McIntosh.....	Edwin J. Burch.
Scarborough.....	John W. Glenn.
Dublin.....	HENRY J. ELLIS
Wrightsville.....	Supplied by W. T. Rea
County Line.....	To be supplied.
Swainsboro.....	CHAS. J. TOOLE.
Jacksonville,.....	HENRY C. FENTRESS.
Oconee.....	R. D. Gentry
Altamaha Mission.....	W. F. CONLEY.
Reidsville.....	D. G. POPE.
C. A. FULWOOD, transferred to Florida Conference.	
A. A. ROBINSON, transferred to Florida Conference.	
MARCUS A. MCKIBBEN, transferred to South Carolina Conference.	
C. E. BROWN, transferred to Arkansas Conference.	
R. W. FLOURNOY, transferred to Arkansas Conference.	

LAY DELEGATES—Present.

SAVANNAH DISTRICT—Rev. R. W. Lovett, J. J. Jones, J. W. Cheatham.

MACON DISTRICT—Rev. W. I. Green, Dr. H. T. Wimberly, James Tinley.

COLUMBUS DISTRICT—J. M. Mobley, Thomas A. Brown, Dr. J. A. Urquhart.

AMERICUS DISTRICT—W. C. Dodd, N. M. Dozier, E. F. Kirksey, T. M. Furlow.

BAHBRIDGE DISTRICT—A. H. Colquitt, B. H. Gee, J. P. Dickerson, Rev. J. Fletcher Mixon.

BRUNSWICK DISTRICT—Dr. J. J. Harris, W. H. Ousley.

ALTamaha DISTRICT—Dr. Bouchelle, H. Fisher.

MISSIONARY.**OFFICERS AND MANAGERS OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.**

James E. Evans, President; Samuel Anthony, Vice-President, Jas. W. Hinton, Secretary; George G. N. MacDonell, Treasurer.

MANAGERS—Edward A. H. McGehee, M. E. Rylander, John W. Talley, John M. Marshall, and L. B. Payne.

CONSTITUTION OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

ARTICLE 1. This Board shall be denominated and known as the Board of Missions of South Georgia Annual Conference, auxiliary to the Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

ART. 2. The officers of the Board shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and five Managers, who shall be chosen quadrennially by the Conference. In case of vacancy by death, resignation, or otherwise, the Board shall fill the vacancy, subject to confirmation by the Conference.

ART. 3. The President, and in his absence the Vice-President, shall preside at all meetings of the Board.

ART. 4. Five members shall constitute a quorum.

ART. 5. The Treasurer shall take charge of all the funds and property of the Board, subject to the order of the Board, and shall make an accurate and full report annually of all the receipts and disbursements of the Board.

ART. 6. The Secretary shall keep a full and complete record of the proceedings of the Board, and make the Annual Report of the Board.

ART. 7. Forty per cent. of all the collections made for Missions in the bounds of the Conference shall be transmitted to the Treasurer of the Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Nashville, Tennessee. Should any surplus accrue, after defraying the expenses of Missions in this Conference, it shall be also forwarded to the Treasurer of the Board of Missions, Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

ART. 8. There shall be a public Anniversary of this Board at the time and place of the meeting of the Annual Conference. At said Anniversary a report, or an Abstract of the Report of the Board and Treasurer, shall be made, and the interest of the Missionary cause promoted in such manner as the Board shall deem expedient.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

OF THE MISSIONARY SOCIETY, SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE, DECEMBER 16, 1871.

The Board of Managers present the following as their annual report:

Another year of toil, involving alike suffering and triumph has passed away, and the Board have met with the Society at the annual reunion.

The array of figures will not be very startling, certainly not very exhilarating, but it is at least instructive, and should lead to much examination of the great interest involved.

The Board offer the following statistical statement of their work:

1. *Wesley Church and City Mission, Savannah* This enterprise has been wisely planned and faithfully worked, and is a decided success. The financial exhibit is uncommonly fine, really surprising, entitling this Church to highest praise for liberality and systematic operations. The membership is neither large nor rich, yet its balance sheet would do great credit to many an older, larger and richer charge. Wesley Church is eligibly located and will ultimately be the centre of a large and attractive religious organization. In connection with this, operations are extended in other portions of a rapidly growing city. The charge numbers two hundred and thirty-four members, a gain of forty-two during the present year. There are two flourishing Sabbath Schools in the mission well officered and well supplied with books. This young charge has paid \$1,200 for pastor's support, \$100 to presiding elder, and near \$2,000 in all for the various purposes of the Church. As specially noteworthy, the pastor reports \$262 raised for Missionary Treasury by the small weekly gifts of the Sunday Schools. This example is worthy of all praise and imitation—it clearly proves that the Sunday Schools of South Georgia Conference, alone, could easily pay more missionary money than our Treasurer is able to report. That it is not done reflects sad blame upon those who guide the young of the Church, to say nothing of the paucity of the older and richer members. This work is served by Rev. G. G. N. MacDonell.

2. *Wesley Chapel and City Mission* is in the city of Columbus, and is in a high degree flourishing. It is the Church of the working people of the city, and will soon be self-sustaining, having raised \$700 of its pastor's salary. The Sunday School is doing well, and in all respects it is a deserving enterprise. Served by the Rev. A. J. Dean.

3. *Macon City Mission*, in the city of Macon, was served by Rev. R. A. Cain, a local preacher, with much success. It has a chapel named in honor of the Rev. Jas. Jones, the founder of the mission, who well deserves the compliment. It does not yet do a great deal in its own support, but with its Sunday

School operations and constant revivals it promises much for the future. The pastor reports a continuous, spiritual influence resulting in frequent and numerous accessions to the membership. It deserves confidence and merits support.

4. *Bainbridge Factory Mission* embraces Bainbridge Factory, and four appointments in the country. It had a good degree of prosperity until general sickness in the autumn hindered operations. It is not deemed expedient to continue this enterprise.

5. *Cochran Mission* has five appointments—three churches belonging to the Methodists, and one Union church. Received during the year eight members—five adults baptized, one infant. Has six Sunday Schools. Paid pastor, Rev. H. C. Fentress, \$282 00, and boarded his family. The work is said to be growing.

6. *Pulaski and Wilcox Mission* has five appointments, one hundred and seventy-five members, twenty-six added the present year—twelve adults baptized, ten infants. Received \$225 from the charge and \$95 from the Board.

From Bryan, Alapaha, Flint River, Dooly and Brunswick City Missions, no reports have been made by their several pastors.

In closing these statistical exhibits, the Board would call attention to the Treasurer's Annual Report. The Board deemed an assessment of \$10,000 necessary to meet the minimum demands of the Conference. After deducting forty per cent. from this assumed amount for the Board at Nashville, the sum of \$6,000 would be left for distribution in Georgia, for the pay of about twelve missionaries, making the small average of \$500 to each one. This meagre sum was imperatively needed, nothing less would meet the pressing necessities of the situation. Not that this would fully do so, for twice as much would be required to give the preachers a fair living, and the work ought to be much extended into other sparse settlements.

Your Treasurer shows a sad failure to meet the last appropriations, only \$6,010 being raised instead of \$10,000 called for by the Board. This will only give fifty-five cents in the dollar on drafts of missionaries. This is a sad picture before the Society, but sadder still before the Methodistic public of this great State.

Your Board does not forget the fact that the financial pressure of the day, the general poverty of the people and various monied demands, mitigates somewhat the reproach for illiberality. But whatever may be said apologetically for this manifest failure in the estimates, it can only amount to a partial defense.

If one city in the State—Savannah—can and does raise \$1,000 without complaint, the remaining cities and towns (leaving the country out) doing as well, the whole amount needed would be collected. It would not approach the truth of

the case to say, the circuits might easily raise more than the few cities and towns in our bounds. That it is not done argues defect either in our plans or in their execution. All our people should be taught to give as God has prospered them and according to their several abilities. Let this be done in set sermons in advocacy of missionary enterprise, giving facts and figures as the basis of an appeal for a liberal subscription and collection.

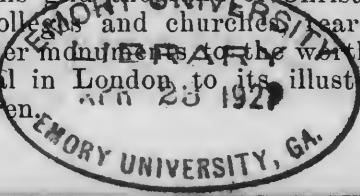
Be it remembered that no law of average will meet the case--ignorance and poverty are often leagued together, and arguments of this kind are not much appreciated.

The late lamented President Bonnell once questioned your Secretary as to the extent of the missionary demand in Georgia. His question answered, he proceeded to say the money could be raised only by the intelligence and wealth of the Church. This meant that the intelligence of the Church must be made to comprehend the situation, and its wealth be more fully consecrated to the work of the Lord.

Perhaps examples could be found in each District of the Conference, where one single prosperous person could with ease give more than is collected in such limits. But facts are facts and are stubborn things--your Board can get the men but cannot command the money.

Shall we still continue to make appropriations which look well on paper, but are destined to be discounted at fifty cents on the dollar? The Board think it bad policy longer to write such a fiction. Let it close without another chapter, an abrupt termination, like the "Mystery of Edwin Drood," and may no Dickens be found to make the continuation. If any man, however illustrious, should write one line in favor of such financing, may his name be as well concealed as the author of the letters of Junius. We must plan more wisely and execute with more energy. We cannot build a pyramid on its apex, nor is it the work of a day; the foundation must be broad, deep, invulnerable, and the labor of many hands for many years will be required to finish the eternal structure.

What has been done in the way of spreading Christianity of the Methodist type, has mainly resulted from missionary enterprise, not to speak of the transcendent zeal of the Wesleys, Coke, Asbury and their coadjutors, which puts them in the front rank of the world's great and good men, religion in Georgia has spread its peaceful effects by the heroic labors of devout missionaries. Methodism in Georgia began in the great old county of Wilkes--the native county of your Secretary--and the light of Humphries and Majors' minds has radiated until its flashing beams gild the ground of Christian temples, and to-day schools, colleges and churches reared by such devout spirits, are nobler monuments to the worthy dead than in St. Paul's Cathedral in London to its illustrious architect, Sir Christopher Wren.



"Other men have labored, and we have entered into their labors."

They have sowed we have reaped—let us still seek fields where we may plant that our posterity may gather the fruit of our honest endeavors. Let us realize our duty and put forth the effort and God will see to the consequences.

The preachers are willing to work, but they cannot do this without bread, and many fields must be abandoned, few new ones created, unless the wealthy become more liberal in their gifts.

The Board deem it important to call attention to the fact that now our foreign and domestic mission work have been blended in one management, and forty per cent. of our collections must go to the Parent Board at Nashville.

The missionary work is really one in nature and design. If Christianity is a blessing in America, it is a blessing in China; if it is not a boon there, it must be a curse here, at any rate only a small benefaction. This is brief logic, but it meets the case precisely.

Shall we indulge in high laudation of Humphries and Majors, the pioneers of Georgia Methodism, and grow eloquent in speaking of the tremendous labors of Francis Asbury and Lovick Pierce (the last, thank God, still with us, almost a nonogenarian, yet like Wesley, at 88, still able to lead his spiritual sons and brethren to the battle, his bow abiding in its strength, his quiver full of arrows) and shall we be dull and dumb when the names of Allen and Lambuth are called in connection with the terrific combat in China? Nay, the Board will cherish their revered names and seek to alleviate the untold privations of their families by a tribute of admiration and a generous support. They deserve it—let them have it accompanied with lavish gratitude and prayer.

Such an estimate must be made as will leave, after forty per cent. is subtracted, a sum sufficient for our home territory, say \$5,000. Your missionaries cannot live on promises to pay no more than others, and current expenses should be met by current collections. Credit is a good thing (if a man have it) but *cash* is the word best understood in our language.

An appeal is made to the Society and the Churches to put forth more effort to advance the kingdom of Jesus on the earth. Still the Board are impressed with the necessity of retrenching appropriations for the ensuing year, satisfied that our actual want cannot now be met.

In pursuance of this policy, missions have been stricken from the list, appropriations reduced in other cases, and only a few new fields have been created. The assessment, will be reduced \$1,500 in all.

By this reduction it is hoped that the missionaries next year will get nearly if not all their dues. The policy of delaying

this collection to the end of the year makes failure inevitable. Begin early, continue late.

Make your appeal boldly. It rest on the command of God, on the philosophy of civil, commercial and social prosperity, and the great facts of history illustrative of Christian civilization, on the eternal necessity of supplying the gospel as the panacea for all earth's woes. "The religion which went insulted and forlorn from the hill of Calvary to the tomb of Joseph, soon arose and spread its banners over the palace of the Cæsars." Although often, "long time in even scale the battle hang," yet finally Jesus shall be crowned in earth and sky as Lord of all.

Let us remember a non-missionary church is by its confession and platform a predestined failure. Where the aggressive spirit of the Christian propagandist does not work the Church must by internal law dwarf, decay and die. When this is the status of Methodism, let Ichabod be written on all her temples and on all her records.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. W. HINTON, Secretary.

GEO. G. N. MacDONELL,
TREASURER,

In account with Board of Domestic Missions, South Georgia Conference.

DECEMBER 13, 1871.

SAVANNAH DISTRICT.	Dr.	
Savannah, Trinity—J. E. Evans.....	\$ 373 05	
Sunday School Mission Society	373 10	
General collections.....	373 10	
Savannah Wesley Church and City Mission—Geo. G. N. MacDonell	229 00	
Savannah W. C. S. S. Mission Society.....	22 50	
Mission Sunday School.....	14 00	
Donation from George W. Shaffer, Esq.—.....	160 00	
Springfield Circuit—T. B. Lanier.....	66 00	
Sylvania Circuit—W. T. McMichael.....	4 00	
Bethel Circuit—R. H. Howren.....	60 00	
Alexander Circuit—W. S. Baker.....	Waynesboro Circuit—N. B. Ousley.....	62 25
Louisville Circuit—R. W. Flournoy—miss. col.....	96 90	
Bethany Sunday School.....	65 15	
Davisboro Circuit—J. A. Rosser.....	29 10	
Sandersville Circuit—J. W. Simmons—miss. col.....	21 00	
Sunday School.....	10 50	
Washington Circuit—J. B. Culpepper.....	14 00	
Gibson Circuit—S. N. Tucker.....	20 00	
	\$ 1,617 60	

MACON DISTRICT.

Macon, Mulberry Street—J. O. Branch.....	\$ 634 00
Macon, First Street—W. W. Hicks—Sunday School..	130 00
Macon City Mission—R. Cain.....	
East Macon—John W. Burke.....	26 25
Macon Circuit—W. C. Bass.....	40 00
Gordon Circuit—C. W. Smith.....	27 00
Irwinton Circuit—John W. Glenn.....	25 90
Jeffersonville Circuit—A. A. Robinson.....	26 20
Swift Creek Mission—W. Griffin.....	8 50
Hawkinsville and Longstreet—C. A. Fulwood.....	15 00
Pulaski and Wilcox Mission—James Spence.....	
Fort Valley and Marshalville—B. F. Breedlove.....	200 00
Houston—James Jones.....	78 00
Beaver Dam Circuit—R. F. Evans.....	67 10
Perry—Walter Knox.....	53 45
Haynesville—S. S. Sweet.....	150 00
Montezuma and Dooly Mission—J. Skipper.....	42 00
	————— \$ 1,523 40

COLUMBUS DISTRICT.

Columbus, St. Luke—O. L. Smith.....	\$ 134 25
" St. Paul—A. M. Wynn, Sunday School.....	82 50
" " General Collections.....	162 00
" Wesley Chapel—A. J. Dean.....	5 00
Muscogee—S. D. Clements.....	70 00
Hamilton—W. F. Robison.....	55 00
Talbotton—F. A. Branch, General Collections.....	44 35
" Sunday School.....	62 90
Talbot Circuit—J. M. Austin.....	90 00
Geneva—S. R. Weaver.....	5 00
Butler—J. R. Littlejohn.....	38 00
Buena Vista—W. W. Stewart.....	51 50
Cusseta—W. M. D. Bond.....	80 00
Oglethorpe—W. W. Tidwell.....	15 00
	————— \$ 895 50

AMERICUS DISTRICT.

Americus—T. H. Stewart, Sunday School.....	\$ 100 25
" General Collections	60 50
Bethel—J. E. Sentell.....	22 20
Magnolia Spring—C. A. Crowell.....	101 75
Ellaville—Geo. S. Johnson.....	37 00
Smithville—D. O'Driscoll.....	37 40
Cuthbert and Georgetown—R. B. Lester.....	32 00
Spring Vale, N. D. Morehouse.....	43 25
Dawson—E. A. H. McGehee.....	150 00
Terrell—Geo. T. Embry.....	30 00
Weston—E. J. Rentz.....	48 40
Lumpkin—J. M. Marshall.....	10 00
Stewart—James Harris.....	34 75
	————— \$ 707 50

BAINBRIDGE DISTRICT.

Bainbridge—R. W. Dixon	\$
" Sunday School.....	20 25
" General Collections.....	66 25
Bainbridge Factory Mission—W. M. Russell.....	

Decatur—J. J. Giles.....	30 35
Trinity—Wesley Lane.....	
Colquitt—W. F. Roberts.....	8 30
Fort Gaines and Blakely—W. M. Hayes.....	76 50
Morgan—T. S. Armstead.....	8 00
Camilla—J. T. Ainsworth.....	76 00
Cairo—P. C. Harris.....	65 00
Grooverville—W. M. Watts.....	42 00
Duncanville—Charles E. Brown.....	41 15
Thomasville—C. R. Jewett.....	93 50
Albany—R. J. Corley.....	28 10
Flint River Mission.....	
	— \$ 555 40

BRUNSWICK DISTRICT.

Brunswick and City Mission—J. O. A. Cook.....	\$ 56 20
Buffalo Mission—B. C. Franklin.....	
St. Mary's—H. P. Myers, General Collections.....	24 10
" Sunday School.....	11 50
Center Village—Isaac C. Rabun.....	10 00
Waynesville—John L. Williams.....	4 00
Waresboro—James D. Mauldin.....	10 00
Jesup—Wm. M. Kennedy	12 20
Holmesville—M. A. McKibben.....	8 10
Ocmulgee.....	
Nashville and Alapaha Mission—W. H. Thomas.....	2 50
Stockton—N. Talley.....	2 30
Valdosta—A. P. Wright.....	26 25
Quitman—J. W. Talley.....	23 10
Morven—L. C. Peek.....	13 30
Moultrie.....	
	— \$ 203 55

ALTAMAHIA DISTRICT.

Hinesville—W. G. Boothe.....	\$ 41 50
Darien and McIntosh—E. J. Burch	105 50
Bryan Mission.....	
Scarborough—L. A. Darsey.....	6 05
Dublin—John J. Morgan.....	11 00
Wrightsville—C. C. Hines.....	7 00
County Line.....	
Swainesboro—C. J. Toole.....	8 50
Jacksonville.....	19 20
Oconee—R. D. Gentry.....	17 00
Cochran Mission—H. C. Fentress	
Altamaha—W. F. Conley.....	13 00
Reidsville—D. G. Pope.....	40 00
	— \$ 268 75

AGGREGATE COLLECTIONS.

Savannah District.....	\$1,617 60
Macon District.....	1,523 40
Columbus District.....	895 50
Americus District.....	707 50
Bainbridge District	555 40
Brunswick District.....	203 55
Altamaha District.....	268 75
	— \$5,771 70

	Amount brought forward.....	\$5,771 70
From T. T. Christian, Treasurer.....	\$ 24 00	
Anniversary collection 1870, and special contributions..	215 00	
Anniversary collection 1871.....	187 45	
		426 45
		\$6,198 15

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By amount remitted A. H. Redford, Treasurer, 40 per cent. of whole collection.....	\$2,479 00
By amount paid J. W. Burke & Co. for printing Minutes	104 05
By amount paid to Missionaries, 1871.....	3,615 00
Balance on hand.....	10

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

OFFICERS AND BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL SOCIETY.

Alexander M. Wynn, President; James O. Branch, 1st Vice-President; Thomas T. Christian, 2d Vice-President; Alvin J. Dean, Secretary; J. Blakely Smith, Treasurer.

MANAGERS—Benj. F. Breedlove, James M. Austin, William S. Baker, E. A. H. McGehee, John W. Simmons.

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL SOCIETY.

The Sunday School may be justly claimed as a conception of Methodism. The idea was suggested to Robert Raikes by a Methodist lady, who urged its feasibility and warmly espoused the cause. The venerable and now sainted Bishop Asbury organized the first Sunday School in this country, in Hanover county, Virginia, in the year 1784, and from this small beginning a mighty organization has been effected whose influence, like the atmosphere and the sunshine, penetrates all sections of the land, and dispenses its blessings to countless thousands.

The Christian Church, with its joyous and swelling ranks, owe much of its strength, intelligence and piety to the Sunday School, for here childhood, with its rosy cheek and flashing eye, first learns the great lessons of immortality, and finds instruction in those sublime truths that underlie all valuable knowledge. And that "awful volume within which lies the mystery of mysteries," is so explained and taught that infant lips may pronounce the name of Jesus with thrilling intelligence, find a Saviour who is Christ the Lord, and comprehend those wondrous doctrines which philosophers and sages have vainly sought to unfold. Such a work, full of throbbing hopes and increasing and glorious promise, is enough to enlist all our energies. Let none suppose that the plea of unfitness for the

work, or the want of time, or prior and more important duties, will be recognized as valid in the eyes of Him to whom all hearts are known and to whom our highest obligations are due.

The success of this cause within the bounds of our Conference during the past year should be a cause of devout thanksgiving to God. From the annual report of the preachers, we conclude that the Sunday School interests were never in a more prosperous condition than at present. So far as the Board is informed a larger number of conversions have occurred than at any former period of our history.

The venerable Dr. Lovick Pierce, our Sunday School agent, in his annual report to the Board says: "One can hardly say too much of the Sunday School cause. It is fast becoming the favorite as well as the most highly favored institution of the Church. There is no way to set our children upon life's pathway with any assurance of a safe passage, unless their minds are properly inlaid with the one great idea that man is to live by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord."

We are gratified to know that the uniform lessons have been so generally adopted within the bounds of our Conference. And here we may remark that too much praise cannot be accorded to Dr. A. G. Haygood, for his untiring industry and eminent success in this and all the other departments of our Sunday School literature. Dr. L. Pierce, our Sunday School agent already quoted, says: "It is my duty to say that whether as my own opinion or as the opinion of teachers and preachers, no facilities for Sunday School teaching ever presented to the Church offers facilities superior to our present Uniform Lesson System."

This is but the expression of what seems to be the general sentiment.

We cannot too earnestly insist that union Sunday Schools fail to answer the demands of our Church, or to promote the spiritual interests of our people.

Only a negative theology is admissible under this plan, while the great and cardinal doctrines of the Church so important as we conceive to its spiritual prosperity and religious progress, are ignored and forgotten.

Let our children be taught our Church polity—our doctrines and our high standard of practical piety, as they mutually involve each other. Then and only then shall we have discharged our duty.

The following amounts have been contributed as Missionary money by Sunday Schools:

Trinity Sunday School.....	\$373 05
Wesley Church and City Mission Schools.....	262 50
Bethany S. S., Louisville Circuit.....	65 15
Sandersville	10 50
First Street, Macon.....	\$701 20
	130 00

	Amount brought forward.....	\$831 20
Perry Sunday School.....	11 00	141 00
Talbotton Sunday School.....	62 90	
St. Paul's " "	82 50	145 40
Americus " "	100 25	100 25
 Total..		\$1,087 85

No doubt other schools have raised contributions, but have not reported to the Mission Treasurer.

The following statistics will show our present condition: Number of schools, 276; officers, etc., 1,742; pupils, 11,558; requisites, 19,081; volumes, 14,402; collection for Sunday Schools in charge, \$3,243 69; Conference Sunday School Society, \$436.

Trusting that our labors the coming year in this great field may be rewarded with still greater success, and invoking the continued blessing of heaven on this great interest, let us renew our vows of fidelity to God and the Church.

The Sunday School Board of the Conference have taken into consideration carefully all the interest of the Sunday School cause within our bonds, and without arguing any point, or making prefatory remarks, setting forth the facts or reasons governing us in the conclusions reached, we have adopted and offer to the Conference, the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That we recommend and urge all our preachers to introduce or seek to have introduced into every Sunday School upon their works, the system of Uniform Lessons prepared and published by our Sunday School Secretary.

2. That in accordance with the recommendation of the General Conference, we request the appointment of a Corresponding Secretary of the Sunday School Society, whose duty it shall be to furnish information of the State of the Sunday School work in the South Georgia Conference to our Sunday School Secretary, Dr. Haygood.

3. That Henry L. Jewett be this Corresponding Secretary.

4. That deeply feeling the general prevalence and magnitude of the great evil growing among us of the non-attendance of our Sunday School scholars upon the preaching of the Gospel, we strongly urge upon every preacher, to insist that all our Sunday School children attend regularly upon the ministry of the word, and that we study and adopt and stress such plans and make such presentation as shall secure this desirable result.

5. That all applications for donations of books to destitute Sabbath Schools from this Society, must be made to the Treasurer, (Rev. J. Blakely Smith,) and that the recommendation must be endorsed by the preacher in charge of the Circuit or Mission, with an assurance that he has reason to believe that the school is permanent.

EDUCATION.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.—A. Wright, J. O. A. Cook, R. W. Dixon, Robert J. Corley, J. O. A. Clark, John W. Burke, A. H. Colquitt, J. J. Jones, T. M. Furlow.

Report of Committee on Education.

The relation that education sustains to Christianity is not only an intensely interesting one, but one which has evoked the profoundest consideration of scholars, statesmen and divines. While infidelity denounces any union between them, as an alliance fraught with the most disastrous results and prophesies evil, and only evil, from the connection—Christianity, with a profound conviction of its inalienable right to mind and culture, and all the powers of immortal being, has not ceased to assert that right, while it points to results in proof of its claims and in vindication of its authority. It has been truly said that "no power can be turned loose on the world so dangerous as the roughly educated but unsanctified intellect," as the guardian of every interest for time and eternity with which man is inevitably connected. The Church would be recreant to her solemn trust did she not with zealous care watch the mental as well as moral culture of those committed to her custody. Fully appreciating this view from the earliest inception of Methodism, education has been subordinated to her noble work, and schools and colleges have sprung into being under her evangelical influences and labors, and to-day she does not blush when, standing side by side with her sister Churches, the public scrutiny is invoked.

The colleges and schools owned by this Conference and placed under its control and patronage, are reported to be in a prosperous condition. The Wesleyan Female College, long the immortal pioneer in the cause of female education, still maintains its high character and exerts still a mighty influence on the public mind. Recently the lamented death of Rev. John M. Bonnell, D. D., its honored President for so many years, created a vacancy which we rejoice to know has been promptly filled by the election of Rev. E. H. Myers, D. D., who was his distinguished predecessor. Under his Presidency, and with his able assistants, the College is secure in ripe scholarship and Christian culture. Two hundred and fifteen pupils are now in attendance, and ninety boarders are accommodated in the College building.

We have no report from EMORY COLLEGE; but from indirect information we learn that this institution still promises to continue an enviable seat of learning. The Faculty has recently been re-organized, and Rev. O. L. Smith, D. D., has been elected President, with a corps of professors which leaves not a doubt in the public mind that yet greater achievements and

more signal success is to be expected in the theatre of education. We most cordially commend this honored Institution to the continued and increasing patronage.

The ANDREW FEMALE COLLEGE has been placed under the Presidency of Rev. J. B. McGehee, who enters on his duties with flattering promise. To his custody and that of his assistants we may well commit the interests of education in this section of the State, with the confident expectation that thorough mental, moral and religious culture, will receive the most assiduous care.

The LEVERT FEMALE COLLEGE and the COLLINSWORTH INSTITUTE, the one under the supervision of the Rev. H. D. Moore, President, and the other under the control of Rev. J. T. McGlaughlin, are institutions every way deserving the support of our people, and we earnestly urge that constant encouragement on the part of the Church which such faithful instructors so richly merit.

In conclusion, your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions :

Resolved, 1. That Emory College, the Wesleyan Female College, Andrew Female College, LeVert Female College and Collingsworth Institute, are seats of learning that reflect honor on our communion, and we most earnestly commend them to the increasing patronage of the public.

2d, That in the death of Rev. J. M. Bonnell, D. D., the country has lost an eminent educator, the Wesleyan Female College an accomplished officer, the Church a man in whom there was no guile, and the ministry a co-laborer of no mean report.

The following Visiting Committees were appointed :

EMORY COLLEGE.—W. Watkin Hicks, F. A. Branch, James W. Hinton, H. S. Wimberly.

WESLEYAN FEMALE COLLEGE.—George G. N. MacDonell, R. J. Corley, John W. Simmons, J. A. Urquhart.

ANDREW FEMALE COLLEGE.—J. Blakely Smith, E. A. H. McGehee, James M. Austin.

LEVERT FEMALE COLLEGE.—Joseph S. Key, W. F. Robison, George S. Johnson.

COLLINSWORTH INSTITUTE.—A. Wright, S. S. Sweet, Robert W. Dixon.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The Board of Education have carefully surveyed the interests committed to their trust, and would express their profound regret that a larger sum has not been collected the past year for the education of indigent young men who are called to the ministry—the itinerant ministry in the bounds of this Conference. We earnestly hope that a sufficient amount may

be raised the coming year to aid applicants now before the Board. We present the following resolution:

Resolved, That an assessment be made on the various Districts, of \$900 00, in order to aid in the education of indigent young men who propose to enter the ministry in this Conference, and that the apportionment be as follows:

Savannah District.....	\$187 50
Macon District.....	187 50
Columbus District.....	187 50
Americus District.....	187 50
Bainbridge District	75 00
Brunswick District.....	37 50
Altamaha District.....	37 50
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	\$900 00

COURSE OF STUDY.

FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL—The Bible, in reference to doctrines generally; Wesley's Sermons on Justification by Faith, and on the Witness of the Spirit; Book of Discipline; the ordinary branches of an English Education.

FIRST YEAR.—The Bible, in reference to its historical and biographical parts, and its chronology; Book of Discipline, with special reference to Chapter I., Secs. 1 and 2.; Manual of Discipline, Chapter I. and II.; Wesley's Sermons, Volume I.; Ralston's Elements of Divinity; Watson's Institutes, Part IV.; Written Sermon on Repentance.

BOOKS OF REFERENCE.—Watson's Biblical and Theological Dictionary; Theological Compend; Fletcher's Works; Watson's Life of Wesley.

SECOND YEAR.—The Bible in reference to its Prophetic parts; Wesley's Sermons, Volume II.; Watson's Institutes, Part III.; Smith's Elements of Divinity; Book of Discipline, with special reference to Chapters II., III. and IV.; Manual of Discipline; Chapters III. and IV.; Coppee's Rhetoric; Written Sermon on Justification by Faith.

BOOKS OF REFERENCE.—Newton or Keith on the Prophecies; Angus Hand-book of the Bible; Claude's Essay on the Composition of a Sermon; Watson's Sermons; Bickerstith on the Spirit of Life.

THIRD YEAR.—The Bible in reference to the Life of Christ; Wesley's Sermons, Volume III.; Watson's Institute, Part II.; Coppée's Logic; Upham's Mental Philosophy; Edgar's Variations of Popery; Book of Discipline, with special reference to Chapter V. to the end; Manual of Discipline, Chapters V., VI., and VII.; Written Sermon on the Witness of the Spirit.

BOOKS OF REFERENCE.—Young's History of Christ; Neander's Life of Christ; Hickok's Mental Science; Vinet's Pastoral Theology; Steven's History of Methodism; Paine's Life of McKendree; D'Aubigne's History of the Reformation.

FOURTH YEAR.—The Bible in reference to the Acts and Epistles, their analysis and design; Wesley's Sermons, Volume IV.; Watson's Institutes, Part I.; Powell on Apostolical Succession; River's Moral Science; Mosheim's Church History; Summers on Baptism; Book of Discipline reviewed; Manual of Discipline, Chapters VIII. and IX.; Written Sermon on Regeneration.

BOOKS OF REFERENCE.—Butler's Analogy; Bingham's Antiquities; Hickok's Moral Philosophy; Hoppin's Homiletics; Wall, on Infant Baptism; Litton's Church of Christ; Neander's Church History; Liddon on the Divinity of our Lord; Conybeare and Howson's Life and Epistles of St. Paul.

COMMENTARIES.—Clark's, Watson's Exposition, Wesley's Notes, Summers on the Gospel, Stier's Words of the Lord Jesus, Lange on the New Testament, Olshausen on the New Testament, Alford on the New Testament, Bloomfield on the New Testament, MacKnight on the Epistles, Henry's Exposition, Whidby's Commentary.

NOTE.—The Examination will be confined to the Course of Study. The books of reference are recommended to be read, and the Commentaries to be consulted.

EXAMINING COMMITTEES.

FOR CANDIDATES.—N. B. Ousley, R. W. Flournoy, William S. Baker.

FIRST YEAR.—F. A. Branch, S. D. Clements, A. J. Dean.

SECOND YEAR.—J. R. Littlejohn, B. F. Breedlove, R. J. Corley.

THIRD YEAR.—W. Knox, W. F. Robison, A. M. Wynn.

FOURTH YEAR.—J. O. Branch, J. T. Ainsworth, J. M. Austin.

Resolved, 1. That the Examining Committees, the applicants for admission on trial, together with the under-graduates of the South Georgia Conference, be required to meet at the place of holding the session of the Conference, in time to begin the examinations, on Tuesday, at 9 o'clock, A. M., next preceding the meeting of the Conference.

Resolved, 2. Any member of either committee, or any applicant for admission on trial, or any under-graduate failing to meet at the appointed time and place, shall, if a member of either committee, be removed, or if an applicant or an under-graduate, forfeit the privilege of going before the committee for examination at that session; provided, in either instance a providential hindrance shall be received as a valid excuse.

REPORT ON BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

The Committee on Books and Periodicals beg to submit the following report:

From the Annual exhibit of our Publishing House at Nashville, for the year ending July 1, 1871, we learn the most gratifying facts.

In the mercantile department, notwithstanding the depression of the times, a most encouraging prosperity is reported, with a large and saleable stock on hand.

This success is due first of all to the admirable management of the Agent, Dr. Redford, and secondly to the strenuous efforts of our preachers and people to increase the sale of our books and the circulation of our periodicals. The Agent writes: "At no period has the Church shown their devotion to this interest, or a greater anxiety for our success, than during the past year. With a unanimity for which we have no precedent, our preachers and members have rallied to our support."

From the *Publishing Department* have issued during the year several invaluable works. Your Committee desire especially to mention Dr. Summer's *Commentary on Luke*, with accompanying *questions*—a work of rare merit and indispensable to families and Sunday-school teachers, and a most valuable aid to the studious preacher; also, "*The History of the Organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South*"—compiled and edited by Dr. Redford—a work that must be diligently read by preachers and people, being a triumphant vindication of our Fathers and an armor of defense against those bearing our name who still trouble our Zion; also, and particularly, *Ralston's Elementary of Divinity*, an octavo volume of more than one thousand pages, the intrinsic value of which is beyond conception. This great work is prominent in our course of study, and it is not too much to say that the simple style of the author will render the study of Theology as attractive as it is important.

In the department of Periodical literature we have to record (with one exception) the most gratifying success.

The reduction of the subscription price of the *Nashville Christian Advocate*, from *three to two* dollars per annum, has wrought wonders in that department, that commend the change to the judgment of all our people. Its circulation has increased *one hundred per cent.*, thereby carrying good tidings, and the current history of our beloved Zion, to thousands of homes heretofore unblessed and unvisited by any religious journal. Your Committee suggest, also, that this wide and increasing circulation, consequent upon the reduction of subscription price, accounts for the increase in the demand and sale of our denominational literature. Our people read in the *Advocate* commendations and reviews of new books, and forthwith the desire is begotten to possess them, and the benefit (financially) accrues to the Publishing House, while the people are educated in the truth.

Your Committee are heartily in favor of reduction in the price of both books and periodicals as rapidly as the publishers for the Church can afford it, as a missionary enterprise.

The New Monthly Magazine. Your Committee have no words to express their surprise and regret at the failure of the *New Monthly Magazine*. They are finally persuaded of its need and importance, and earnestly hope that it may yet revive and hold on its way to success.

The Agent writes: "Wherever its claims have been properly presented, handsome lists of subscribers have been the result."

SUNDAY SCHOOL PUBLICATIONS.—Your Committee find their greatest satisfaction in the reports from this department. A number of beautiful volumes, prepared by Dr. Haygood, have made their appearance, while others are passing through the press.

The Sunday School Visitor circulates over 60,000 copies; *Our Little People*, 40,000; the *Sunday School Magazine*, over 12,000 copies, and nearly 70,000 copies of *Lesson Papers*.

The *Amaranth*—a Sunday School Music Book, ordered by the General Conference of 1870—made its appearance about 1st of May, and has had a circulation far beyond the expectation of many fearful people, and is destined to supplant, largely, books of a similar character emanating from sources unfriendly to our people.

In conclusion, your Committee beg to offer the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the circulation of religious denominational literature is indispensable to the establishment and preservation of the faith as we have received it through our fathers from Christ the Head; and that it is the duty and should be the glory of every preacher and member of our Church to engage in this department of our work.

Resolved, That we command to all the Sunday Schools within our bounds the adoption *only* of the requisites and publications issued or supplied by our own publishers and depositaries.

REPORT ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.

The Committee on the Bible Cause have heard with unfeigned pleasure, through Rev. W. A. Parks, Agent of the American Bible Society for Georgia and Florida, of the continued prosperity of the noble institution which he so ably represents. Too much praise cannot be given to the American Bible Society for its liberal distribution of bibles and testaments to the destitute within the bounds of our own Conference. With commendable liberality, the Society has canceled all old debts due by our people, and has paid to all auxiliaries within our borders what was due to them. To Georgia it donates \$3,000 annually, and through its indefatigable agent, now present with us, has visited many destitute places and supplied them with the word of

life. We earnestly recommend that auxiliaries be formed wherever they are needed, and that the preachers of this Conference, by all means in their power, assist the agent in the work of distribution, and in raising funds to aid the Society in giving the Bible to all who have it not. To the Society we give our thanks, invoking upon it the continued blessing of God, and praying that its success in the future may be greater than it has ever been. To its agent, Rev. W. A. Parks, and to his newly appointed assistant, Rev. W. F. Cook, we pledge a co-operation, and extend to them a hearty welcome into all our churches.

ORPHANS' HOME.

TRUSTEES.—James E. Evans, S. Anthony, W. W. Hicks, Jos. S. Key, R. B. Lester, Dr. H. L. Wimberly, Dr. W. H. Hollingshead, J. W. Jordan, H. L. Jewett, J. W. Cheatham, Herbert Fielder. (S. Anthony, Agent.)

The Board of Trustees of the Orphans' Home, appointed by this Conference at its last session, to consider the question of establishing such an institution within your bounds, submit their report:

The Board met at an early day after the adjournment of Conference, and gave directions to the agent appointed at your request, Rev. S. Anthony, and after mature deliberation, thought it proper to defer further action till this time.

After hearing the agent's report of the year, which is herewith submitted as a part of this report, the Board adopted the following resolutions:

1st. *Resolved*, That the Board regard the establishment of an Orphans' Home as desirable during the ensuing year.

2d. *Resolved*, That the chairman advertise for proposals for the location of the Home.

3d. *Resolved*, That the agent advertise for contributions as an outfit for the Home, to be sent to the care of a committee consisting of J. W. Hinton, W. W. Hicks, and H. L. Jewett, at Macon, Ga.

4th. *Resolved*, That the agent press the collection of subscriptions due, and seek to increase cash collections, as much as possible, by the 14th of February next.

5th. *Resolved*, That the Board will meet in Macon the 14th of February next, to consider the location of the Home, and its immediate organization and establishment.

9th. *Resolved*, That J. S. Key, W. W. Hicks, and H. L. Jewett be appointed a committee to procure a charter and prepare by-laws to submit to the Board, at its meeting, 14th of February.

7th. *Resolved*, That the Conference be requested to ask of the Bishop presiding, the reappointment of S. Anthony, as agent for the Orphans' Home.

Respectfully submitted.

J. E. EVANS, *Chairman.*

Resolved, That the Board of Trustees of Orphans' Home be, and are hereby authorized, to locate the Home at their discretion.

FINANCIAL MATTERS.

FINANCIAL BOARD.—Chas. R. Jewett, N. B. Ousley, W. Knox, J. O. Branch, B. F. Breedlove, D. R. McWilliams, J. J. Morgan, W. H. Hollinshead, A. H. Flewellen, R. H. Hardaway, C. D. Rogers, A. Curry, Henry L. Jewett and A. C. Flewellen.

TO THE PREACHERS AND MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE.

DEAR BRETHREN: Our Conference at the session of 1867 adopted the following resolutions:

“1. The Board of Missions shall estimate from year to year the amounts necessary for the support of Missions, and furnish the same to the Joint Board of Finance.

“2. The Joint Board of Finance shall estimate from year to year the amounts necessary to meet the claims upon them.

“The Joint Board of Finance shall divide these amounts, together with the Bishops' claim upon this Conference, equitably between the Presiding Elders' Districts, and furnish each Presiding Elder with his assessment.”

To facilitate the collection of these sums, they, too, have been divided out, in the same proportion with the Conference collection. The following are the

ASSESSMENTS IN SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE:

	Missions.	Con. Coll.	Bishops'.	Education.
Savannah District.	\$1,700 00	\$1,900 00	\$375 00	\$187 50
Macon “	1,700 00	1,900 00	375 00	187 50
Columbus “	1,700 00	1,900 00	375 50	187 50
Americus “	1,500 00	1,900 00	375 00	187 50
Bainbridge “	1,000 00	1,200 00	150 00	75 00
Brunswick “	400 00	500 00	65 00	37 50
Altamaha “	400 00	500 00	60 00	37 50
Hawkinsville “	400 00	000 00	25 00	25 00
Totals.....	\$8,800 00	\$9,800 00	\$1,800 50	\$925 00

To give proper direction in this matter, the Conference has passed the following resolutions:

“The Presiding Elders shall subdivide these amounts between the Circuits, Stations and Missions of their Districts, and, at

the earliest practicable moment, furnish the same to the preacher in charge.

"Preachers in charge at the beginning of the year shall procure books and take the name of every member, together with the friends of the church in their charge, and seek, by personal appeal, to lay on each one the obligation to contribute—taking subscriptions and cash.

"Preachers in charge shall also take up a public collection for Missions, and also a Conference collection, at each Church in their charge, on which occasions sermons shall always be preached on the subject of the collection, and such information furnished as shall stimulate and increase the liberality of the Church."

CHAS. R. JEWETT,
Chairman Financial Board.

The Incorporated Conference.

Joseph S. Key, President; J. Blakely Smith, Secretary; T. T. Christian, Treasurer, of the Legal Conference.

Board of Fund of Special Relief.

L. Pierce, S. Anthony, J. E. Evans, J. B. McGeehee, Geo. G. N. MacDonell, F. A. Branch, Chas. R. Jewett.

The object of this Fund is to give relief to the widows and orphans of the preachers, traveling or local, or to the preachers themselves, who are in specially destitute circumstances from sickness or other calamity. Donations solicited.

Preachers' Aid Society.

R. B. Lester, President; J. O. A. Cook, Treasurer; T. T. Christian, Secretary; J. W. Hinton, J. S. Key, A. M. Wynn, Wm. M. Kennedy.

This Society manages all invested funds, the proceeds of which are distributed to the superannuated preachers and widows and orphans of preachers. Donations are solicited.

Resolutions.

WHEREAS, A great discrepancy exists between the number of conversions and additions to the Church reported, and the net gain in members presented by the statistics; and

WHEREAS, It is believed that this discrepancy is caused largely by the loss of members who remove from place to place with or without certificates; therefore,

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of every preacher to ascertain, as far as possible, the desired or intended destination of removing members, and immediately notify the preacher in charge of such place of destination, of such removal to his charge.

W. WATKIN HICKS.

Resolved, That a committee consisting of N. B. Ousley, B. F. Breedlove, Jesse R. Littlejohn, George S. Johnson, William M. Hayes, Herbert P. Myers, Edwin J. Burch, be appointed to inquire and report to this Conference upon the condition of the church buildings within the limits of the South Georgia Conference, showing how many are ceiled or plastered, or furnished with stoves and in condition to be comfortable during the winter.

A. WRIGHT,
J. E. EVANS.

Resolved, That we have learned with pleasure that the articles published during the year by Rev. W. Knox, upon the General Rules of the Church, are to be issued in a more permanent form, and we heartily commend the work to the Methodist public.

Days of Fasting and Prayer.

Resolved, That the first Friday in May and September be appointed as days of fasting and prayer.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON MEMOIRS FOR FOUR YEARS.—O. L. Smith, R. W. Dixon and R. B. Lester.

MEMOIRS.

DR. JOHN M. BONNELL

Was a native of Bucks County, Pennsylvania, but reared principally in the city of Philadelphia. He graduated at Jefferson College, in his native State, at about the age of eighteen, and before he attained majority came to Georgia. Here, with the exception of three or four years' absence from the State, he remained and labored as preacher of the gospel and teacher of youth, mainly as teacher of young ladies, till called from the toils of earth to the rest and rewards of Heaven.

He was reared religiously; trained up as a strict Presbyterian, yet "at one period of life he was perplexed with religious doubts, approximating absolute unbelief." But in 1842, among the Methodists at Greenville, Ga., "less by a process of theological reasoning" and investigation than by an exhibition of the power of the grace of God, his doubts were dispelled, and soon after this, under the influence of a happy religious experience, he became an earnest Christian worker. In 1845, he was admitted into the Georgia Conference, and for a short while traveled, but his brethren were not long in recognizing his peculiar fitness for the vocation of a teacher, and to this field of labor he was assigned, and therein continued and labored with eminent success and usefulness the remainder of his life.

At the time of his death he was and had been for eleven years the honored and efficient President of Wesleyan Female College, Macon, Ga. He died Saturday night, the 30th of September, 1871, the last day but one of the summer vacation. Many of the young ladies had returned to the College, and gathered around their much-loved President. Some guests were with him, and in more than usual buoyancy of spirits, he had divided attention during the evening between his visitors and the young lady pupils.

At 10 o'clock he conducted his venerable and venerated friend, Dr. Lovick Pierce, who was on a visit to the College, to his room, bidding him a cheerful and affectionate good night, repaired to his own room to retire to rest from the toils of the day and week, preparatory to duties and privileges of the approaching Sabbath, when suddenly he was stricken down with disease of the heart, and at half-past 11 o'clock his pure spirit passed away, and he numbered with the dead. The Sabbath dawned upon his lifeless remains—the soul had gone to endless rest.

Dr. Bonnell possessed a clear intellect, highly cultivated. Broad and comprehensive was the scope of his intelligence, yet minute and accurate in the details of his information. He was of versatile talent, and might have become eminent in any department of science, art or literature.

He was one of the purest, gentlest, and best of men; deeply affectionate, eminently sweet spirited, even tempered, patient, affable, "with a charity that neither thought nor spake evil of any." "As retiring from public notice as a woman, yet brave and most conscientious in uttering his convictions and discharging his duty."

"Of his personal religion he thought disparagingly, and spoke in abhorrence of his own innate sinfulness. To him sin was an enormity, not so much on account of its future retributions, as because it despoils the soul of purity and of conformity to the divine image, which he believed to be the privilege of every created intelligence."

"With a deep and abiding sense of the weakness and depravity of fallen nature, and fearing there might be evil latent in himself, only lacking temptation or opportunity to develop into wicked action, he clung with child-like simplicity to Christ and to his work, and in believing found strength, support and comfort."

One of his most intimate and confidential friends, in writing a notice of his death, says of him: "Of all men whom we have known amid the multiform trials of an active life, in which the care of many other persons devolved on him—a care naturally charged with many trials of his character—of all such persons we know of none who could as easily afford to die, if we may say so, without an hour to devote to self examination and prayer, before he gathered up his feet into the bed, and yielded up the ghost, to be gathered to his people, as our departed brother, John Mitchell Bonnell."

REV. JOHN S. FORD

Was born in Chester District, South Carolina, on the 6th day of February, 1790, and died in Macon, Ga., on the 9th day of November, 1871.

Of this father in Israel and venerable man of God, much could be said, but we must content ourselves with the statement of a few facts, which we gather from a sketch of his life, written by himself. While an infant, he was consecrated to God, in baptism, by his mother, who was not, at that time, a church member; and he testifies that the knowledge of this fact had upon him, in after years, a most salutary influence. When about thirteen years of age, he was the subject of strong religious impressions. He was overwhelmed by conviction of his sinfulness and peril. He mistook the sense of guilt for an evidence of his being one of the reprobates, and came near yielding to despair; but, unable to bear the intolerable burden that was upon his conscience, he cried to God to have mercy upon him, for Christ's sake, and God heard his cry, and the answer came in saving power, in converting grace, in peace past understanding, and joy unspeakable.

In 1805, Brother Ford joined the M. E. Church, under the ministry of Rev. Jesse Richardson, who read the General Rules of the Church and announced that he would open the door of the Church that evening. Young Ford took the matter into serious consideration. His conscience endorsed the General Rules, his judgment endorsed the doctrines of the M. E. Church, and he determined to cast in his lot with the Methodists. In his eighteenth year, he felt called to the "office and work of the ministry." For a long time he resisted this conviction, on the ground that he had neither natural nor acquired qualifications for the work. He yielded at last, and determined to obey what he believed to be the voice of God. On the 3d day of November, 1809, he was licensed to preach, and recommended to the Annual Conference; he was admitted on trial, and appointed junior preacher on the Apalachee Circuit. Here his mental trials were very great. Within the bounds of the Circuit lived Hope Hull, Benjamin Blanton and Josiah Randal, who had been giants in the itinerant ranks, and were still popular preachers. The Circuit had been served by such men as Hilliard, Judge, Russell, Tarpley, and Lovick Pierce. The boy-preacher felt utterly discouraged by a sense of inferiority, and determined to retire from the work. With this purpose he went to the first Quarterly Conference. A sermon from Dr. Pierce, the Presiding Elder, on the work of the ministry, completely revolutionized Brother Ford's purposes upon that subject, and he went from the Quarterly Conference to proclaim more diligently and faithfully the gospel of the grace of God. He was greatly blessed in his work; during the year, he received into the Church over one hundred per-

sons, one of whom afterwards became a prominent member of the South Carolina Conference.

The next year he was appointed to a Circuit in what was then the Mississippi Territory, nearly five hundred miles from home. In order to reach this Circuit, he had to travel upon horseback, and for three hundred miles through an unbroken wilderness, inhabited only by Indians. The journey was made safely. The Circuit extended from the Tombigbee river (in what is now Alabama,) to the Chickasaw river, in the State of Mississippi. The distance between the appointments was very great; the creeks and rivers without bridges, and, through the winter, very deep, and the roads only Indian trails through the forests. But the Master was with his servant and gloriously rewarded him for his toil.

In October, 1812, Brother Ford was appointed to Opelousas Mission. Here he had hard work. Popery prevailed, and the Missionary had to endure much from the hatred of a population that despised his course. But a measure of success attended his labors, and a few precious souls were won to Christ.

In 1813, he was appointed to the Pearl River Circuit, in Mississippi. In 1814, to the Tombigbee Circuit. In October, 1815, he was ordained deacon by Bishop Asbury, and appointed to a work in East Tennessee. In 1816, he was transferred to the South Carolina Conference, and appointed to Union Circuit. In January, of this year, he was married to Miss Jane F. McLuer, who, for more than forty years, was to him a wife indeed. Seven years after her death, he writes: "I have been a lonely wanderer ever since; she was the wife of my youth and the mother of my children, and my faithful companion for forty years, and through all those years, where she was, was my home; when she was satisfied, I was happy; when she was distressed, I was wretched; my heart's affections centred upon her; and when she was taken away I was like a vessel loosed from its moorings, and tossed from wave to wave upon the ocean of life. Lord help me to be resigned and patiently wait until my change come."

In 1818, Brother Ford was ordained Elder by Bishop Roberts, and appointed to the Black Mountain Circuit, North Carolina. This was his last work in the itinerancy for many years. Fearing that he would not be able to support his family in the itinerancy, he located—a thing by no means uncommon in those days—a step, however, which Brother Ford ever afterwards deplored as a great mistake of his life.

In his sixty-first year, Brother Ford applied for readmission into the Georgia Conference, and was received. He served several works faithfully, but the infirmities of age were coming on, his hearing was entirely gone, and his brethren thinking it impossible for him to do efficient service, in 1837, gave him a superannuated relation to the Conference, which relation he sustained until the day of his death.

It is impossible for us to think of John S. Ford without feelings of highest esteem and most profound veneration. He was a *hero*—a *Christian hero*. His heroism was manifested alike in his arduous labors, particularly those of his early ministry, and in his deep and sore afflictions and sufferings. Whether we contemplate him in his *active* or *passive* stages in life, he is alike grand. He *dared* to toil for his Master, knowing of whom he had received his "office and ministry;" he was courageous to suffer, knowing that though "no affliction for the present seemeth joyous, but grievous, afterwards it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness to them who are exercised thereby." In no one, perhaps, have the two elements of Christian character, *doing* and *suffering*, been so completely compounded as in our lamented father in Israel, Rev. John S. Ford.

As a preacher, Brother Ford was plain, practical, impressive, and often powerful. He delighted in the doctrines of his Church, but especially in

the doctrine of "Christ crucified"—*Christ crucified for all*. This was his favorite theme. Many, very many, are the seals to his ministry—some to glory gone, others following after. It was a source of deep regret to him in his latter years that he was unable to proclaim the good news of salvation. Though unable to preach himself, he would encourage other of his brethren in the work by taking his seat in the sanctuary whenever opportunity offered and health allowed. He said, "I cannot hear, but I can make one more, and thus encourage my brethren." He often rejoiced in the house of God, although he could not hear a word that was uttered.

He employed much of his latter years in reading. He delighted to read about the Church—its past history, present operations, and prospects for the future; he read the advocates of the Church; he was specially interested, the last two or three years of his life, in reading "Stevens' History of Methodism," and "History of the M. E. Church," by the same author. In the latter he found some inaccuracies, which he took the liberty to correct, and turned the corrections over to a member of this Conference.

The old man was declining—the hero approached the last battle; his sufferings greatly increased; his last weeks were weeks of intense suffering, but he was cared for with all the tenderness and love that it was possible for his dearest earthly friends to command. It was impossible to hold any communication with him during his last days, but why wish for dying testimony from one, the testimony of whose long life of unremitting toil and patient sufferings is so bright? He died as he had lived, *well*. His life was a triumph, and so was his death. Thus it ever is; the Christian hero's life is the truthful forecaste of the Christian hero's death. Our hero has fallen, but he fell like his Master, for, "he conquered when he fell."

May the memory of his precious life of doing and suffering; his triumphs, death, and the hope of his eternal salvation, encourage and strengthen the *few* of his coadjutors in early labors who survive him, and stimulate *all* of his successors to noble deeds of Christian faith and love.

JOSEPH H. HINES.

It becomes our painful duty to announce the death of Joseph H. Hines, a lay delegate to this Conference.

The deceased, if we mistake not, was a native of the county of Effingham, of this State. He was born December 30th, 1820, and died October 14th, 1871. He lived the greater portion of his life in the county of Burke, and removed of late years to the county of Washington, of which county he was a resident at the time of his death.

The deceased was a man of estimable character, of sterling worth and integrity. As a citizen he was prominent, public spirited, useful to society and beloved by all who knew him. As a husband he was kind and affectionate. As father he was loving, gentle and parental. As a benefactor he was noble and generous to a fault, always giving with a liberal hand to the poor and needy. For his noble deeds of charity many will rise up and call him *blessed*. As a Christian he was the highest type of a Christian gentleman. A man of deep-toned piety, modest, unassuming, retiring, yet bold and firm in the assertion and maintenance of his Christian principles and Christian integrity.

He was for a long while a prominent and useful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. He was the staunch friend of the Methodist Church—the church of his choice. He stood by her through evil as well as good report. He loved her ministers, her doctrines, her usages, her insti-

tutions, and illustrated his piety and devotion to the Church by his many deeds of charity to the ministry, and by the liberal support he gave to all her institutions. The name of Joseph H. Hines is a *household word* among the Methodists of Georgia. Let us cherish the memory of his good deeds and many virtues. Let his name be embalmed in the hearts of the Church.

The deceased came to his end by a sudden and unexpected death—forcibly reminding us “*that in the midst of life we are in death.*” Although summoned in the presence of his Maker without a moments warning, yet we are assured he was prepared for the sad event. He died as every good Christian should die—with his armor on, with his lamp trimmed and burning—ready for the Master’s summons. He died with the full hope of a blissful immortality beyond the grave.

Whilst as brethren of the Church we drop a tear of sympathy over his grave, yet we mourn not as those having no hope. What to us *was our loss*, to him was *eternal gain*. Therefore

1. *Resolved*, That in the death of Joseph H. Hines, society has lost one of its most honored and esteemed citizens, the Church one of its most prominent, pious and useful members.
2. *Resolved*, That we deeply deplore his death, and tender to his bereaved family our warmest sympathy and affection, humbly trusting that, “*that God who tempers the wind to the shorn lamb*,” will be a husband to his widow and a father to his children.
3. *Resolved*, That this report be spread upon the records of the Conference, and that the Secretary furnish the family of deceased with a certified copy.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. J. JONES,
O. L. SMITH,
R. B. LESTER,
R. W. DIXON.

MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH GEORGIA CONFERENCE,

WITH THE DATE OF ADMISSION INTO THE TRAVELING CONNECTION.

JAMES T. AINSWORTH, admitted into the Georgia Conference.....	Dec. 1854
SAMUEL ANTHONY, admitted into the Georgia Conference.....	Jan. 1832
THOS. S. ARMSTEAD, received by transfer	Dec. 1870
JAMES M. AUSTIN, admitted into the Georgia Conference.....	Jan. 1849
WM. S. BAKER, admitted into the Georgia Conference.....	Dec. 1854
BENJ. J. BALDWIN, admitted into the Georgia Conference	Nov. 1862
EDWIN P. BURCH, admitted into the South Georgia Conference.....	Dec. 1869
DAVID BLALOCK, admitted into the Georgia Conference.....	Nov. 1844
W. G. BOOTHE, admitted into the South Georgia Conference.....	Dec. 1869
WM. M. D. BOND, admitted into the Georgia Conference.....	Dec. 1853
FRANKLIN A. BRANCH, admitted into the Florida Conference.....	Dec. 1854
JAMES O. BRANCH, admitted into the Florida Conference.....	Dec. 1854
WM. C. BASS, admitted into the South Georgia Conference.....	Dec. 1867
BENJ. F. BREEDLOVE, admitted into the Georgia Conference.....	Dec. 1855
WYATT BROOKS, admitted into the Georgia Conference.....	Jan. 1846
JOHN W. BURKE, admitted into the Georgia Conference. .	Dec. 1854
ROBERT J. CORLEY, admitted into the Georgia Conference.....	Dec. 1855
THOS. T. CHRISTIAN, admitted into the Georgia Conference	Dec. 1854
JAMES O. A. CLARK, admitted into the Georgia Conference.....	Dec. 1854
SEABORN G. CHILDS, admitted into the Georgia Conference.....	Jan. 1841
WM. F. CONLEY, admitted into the Georgia Conference.....	Jan. 1851
WM. M. C. CONLEY, admitted into the Georgia Conference.....	Dec. 1866
JAMES O. A. COOK, admitted into the Georgia Conference.....	Dec. 1863
THOMAS C. COLEMAN, admitted into the Georgia Conference.....	Dec. 1838
GEORGE C. CLARKE, admitted into the Georgia Conference.....	Jan. 1845
STEPHEN D. CLEMENTS, admitted into South Georgia Conference	Dec. 1867
DAVID CRENSHAW, readmitted into South Georgia Conference	Dec. 1868
CHURCHWELL A. CROWELL, admitted into So. Carolina Conference	Jan. 1829
ALVIN J. DEAN, admitted into the Georgia Conference.....	Dec. 1854
ROBERT W. DIXON, admitted into the Georgia Conference.....	Dec. 1856
JAMES DUNWOODY, admitted into South Carolina Conference.....	1818
LOWNDES A. DARSEY, admitted into South Georgia Conference....	Dec. 1868
HENRY J. ELLIS, admitted into North Georgia Conference.....	Dec. 1867
F. R. C. ELLIS, admitted into the Florida Conference.....	Dec. 1852
JAMES E. EVANS, admitted into the Georgia Conference.....	Jan. 1833
ROBERT F. EVANS, admitted into the Florida Conference.....	Dec. 1859
GEORGE T. EMBRY, admitted into the Georgia Conference.....	Jan. 1865
R. W. FLOURNOY, admitted into the Florida Conference.....	Dec. 1859
MATTHEW H. FIELDING, readmitted into the Florida Conference....	Dec. 1863
CHARLES A. FULWOOD, admitted into the Georgia Conference.....	Jan. 1846
HENRY C. FENTRESS, admitted into South Georgia Conference....	Dec. 1868
JESSE J. GILES, admitted into the Florida Conference.....	Dec. 1856
WM. W. GRIFFIN, admitted into the Georgia Conference.....	Dec. 1839
JAMES HARRIS, admitted into the Georgia Conference.....	Jan. 1843
PHILEMON C. HARRIS, admitted into the Georgia Conference.....	Dec. 1851
W. M. HAYES, admitted into South Georgia Conference.....	Dec. 1867
ROBERT H. HOWREN, admitted into the Georgia Conference.....	Dec. 1839
ISAAC S. HOPKINS, admitted into the Georgia Conference	Dec. 1861
JAMES W. HINTON, admitted into the Georgia Conference.....	Dec. 1847
W. WATKIN HICKS, admitted into the Baltimore Conference.....	Mar. 1858
CAROLIN C. HINES, admitted into South Georgia Conference.....	Dec. 1868
CHARLES R. JEWETT, admitted into the Georgia Conference	Jan. 1844
JULIAN S. JORDAN, admitted into South Georgia Conference.....	Dec. 1869
JAMES JONES, admitted into the Georgia Conference.....	Jan. 1835
GEORGE S. JOHNSON, readmitted into South Georgia Conference	Dec. 1868

Wm. M. KENNEDY, admitted into the Florida Conference.....	Feb. 1848
JOSEPH S. KEY, admitted into the Georgia Conference..	Jan. 1849
WALTER KNOX, admitted into the Georgia Conference.....	Jan. 1851
THOS. B. LANIER, admitted into the Georgia Conference	Dec. 1858
WESLEY LANE, admitted into the Georgia Conference.....	Dec. 1860
ROBERT B. LESTER, admitted into the Georgia Conference	Dec. 1851
JESSE R. LITTLEJOHN, admitted into the Georgia Conference.....	Jan. 1850
REUBEN H. LUCKEY, admitted into the Georgia Conference.....	Jan. 1842
GEO. G. N. MACDONELL, admitted into the Georgia Conference	Dec. 1854
JOHN M. MARSHALL, admitted into the Georgia Conference.....	Jan. 1845
JAMES D. MAULDIN, admitted into the Florida Conference.....	Dec. 1859
WM. B. MCHAN, admitted into the Georgia Conference	Jan. 1849
JOHN B. MCGEHEE, admitted into the Georgia Conference	Dec. 1852
ED. A. H. MCGEHEE, admitted into the Georgia Conference.....	Dec. 1858
MARCUS A. MCKIBBEN, admitted into South Carolina Conference..	Jau. 1836
WM. T. McMICHAEL, admitted into the Georgia Conference.....	Dec. 1856
DAVID R. McWILLIAMS, admitted into the Georgia Conference	Dec. 1857
HENRY D. MOORE, admitted into South Carolina Conference.....	Dec. 1857
CHARLES A. MOORE, admitted into the Georgia Conference.....	Dec. 1858
JOHN J. MORGAN, admitted into the Georgia Conference.....	Dec. 1858
NORMAN D. MOREHOUSE, admitted into the Georgia Conference ...	Dec. 1860
EDWARD H. MYERS, admitted into the Georgia Conference.....	Jan. 1841
HERBERT P. MYERS, admitted into South Georgia Conference.....	Dec. 1868
DENNIS O'DRISCOLL, admitted into the Georgia Conference	Jan. 1851
JACOB R. OWEN, admitted into the Georgia Conference.....	Jan. 1851
NEWDEGATE B. OUSLEY, admitted into the Georgia Conference.....	Jan. 1857
LEWIS B. PAYNE, admitted into the Georgia Conference.....	Dec. 1850
LEONARD C. PEEK, readmitted into South Georgia Conference.....	Dec. 1869
HENRY P. PITCHFORD, admitted into the Georgia Conference.....	Dec. 1835
LOVICK PIERCE, admitted into the South Carolina Conference.....	Dec. 1805
JOHN M. POTTER, admitted into the South Georgia Conference.....	Dec. 1868
DANIEL G. POPE, admitted into the South Georgia Conference.....	Dec. 1868
FREEMAN F. REYNOLDS, admitted into Georgia Conference.....	Jan. 1845
JOHN H. ROBINSON, admitted into the South Carolina Conference...	1821
EDWARD J. RENTZ, readmitted into the South Georgia Conference...	Dec. 1867
CAPEL RAIFORD, admitted into the Georgia Conference.....	Dec. 1830
WM. F. ROBSON, admitted into the Georgia Conference.....	Dec. 1866
WM. F. ROBERS, readmitted into the South Georgia Conference...	Dec. 1869
JAMES A. ROSSER, admitted from M. P. Church.....	Dec. 1870
JOHN E. SENTELL, admitted into the Georgia Conference.....	Jan. 1850
JOHN W. SIMMONS, admitted into the Georgia Conference.....	Dec. 1858
J. BLAKELY SMITH, admitted into the Georgia Conference.....	Dec. 1847
OSBORNE L. SMITH, admitted into the Georgia Conference.....	Jan. 1845
COSBY W. SMITH, admitted into the South Georgia Conference...	Dec. 1867
JAMES SPENCE, admitted into the South Georgia Conference.....	Dec. 1870
S. S. SWEET, Holston, Oct. 1859, readmitted into the Ga. Conf....	Dec. 1867
WM. W. STEWART, readmitted into the South Georgia Conference.	Dec. 1867
WM. W. TIDWELL, admitted into the Georgia Conference.....	Dec. 1854
YOUNG F. TIGNOR, readmitted into the Georgia Conference.....	Jan. 1849
JOHN W. TALLEY, admitted into the South Carolina Conference...	Feb. 1828
WM. H. THOMAS, admitted into the Georgia Conference.....	Jan. 1849
CHAS. J. TOOLE, admitted into the South Georgia Conference.....	Dec. 1868
JOHN B. WARDLAW, admitted into the Georgia Conference.....	Jan. 1843
WM. M. WATTS, admitted into the Georgia Conference.....	Dec. 1851
ROBT. F. WILLIAMSON, admitted into the Georgia Conference.....	Dec. 1859
JOHN L. WILLIAMS, admitted into the Florida Conference.....	Jan. 1855
ALEX. M. WYNN, admitted into the Georgia Conference.....	Jan. 1849
SHELTON R. WEAVER, admitted into the Florida Conference.....	Dec. 1858
ALEX. P. WRIGHT, admitted into the South Georgia Conference...	Dec. 1868
A. WRIGHT, admitted into Ga. Conf. Jan. 1846—readmitted.....	Dec. 1858

STATISTICAL TABLE.

NUMBERS.

NAMES OF CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	SAVANNAH DISTRICT.		MACON DISTRICT.		CHURCH PERIODICALS.		
	MEMBERS. White....	LOCAL PRAEACHERS. White....	INFANTS BAPTIZED. White....	ADULTS BAPTIZED. White....	MEMBERS. White....	LOCAL PRAEACHERS. White....	VOLUMES IN LIBRARY. White....
Savannah, Trinity	506	5	20	15	1	46	280
Sav. Wesley Church and City Mission	234	1	26	7	1	1	112
Springfield	422	3	21	72	28	199	44
Sylvania	450	4	21	46	10	68	15
Bethel	109	2	5	15	8	40	7
Alexander	420	2	7	18	35	200	50
Waynesboro	353	4	12	15	20	150	90
Louisville	475	4	32	6	40	300	65
Davisonboro	361	3	25	2	10	60	28
Sandersville	101	3	9	3	11	73	62
Washington	250	4	2	20	18	200	40
Harrison	387	4	49	5	26	168	3
Total	4068	31	136	46	282	1993	796
MACON DISTRICT.							
Macon, Mulberry-st. and Vineville	374	1	4	15	7	227	103
East Macon.	92	1	1	1	1	17	85
First Street	359	1	3	23	1	30	400
City Mission	111	1	2	7	1	10	300
Macon Circuit	148	1	5	20	3	15	100
London	90	1	1	6	1	6	200
Armiton	200	1	4	4	1	6	142
Jeffersonville	220	1	1	18	1	7	40
Swift Creek Circuit	226	2	6	29	1	7	50
Hawkinsville and Longstreet	83	1	3	3	2	14	50
Pulaski and Wilcox Mission	160	1	10	11	3	9	50

Fort Valley and Marshallville.....	360	.....	6	8	35	2	25	200	400	300	367	10
Houston.....	327	.....	1	5	10	4	32	154	20	500	500	65
Beaver Dam Circuit.....	437	.....	6	6	64	6	42	290	330	197	197	163
Perry.....	165	.....	3	4	16	1	24	115	285	100	100	15
Hayneville.....	351	.....	4	10	35	4	18	175	258	....	....	....
Montezuma.....	562	.....	5	7	22	5	25	200	....	....	....	....
Dooly Mission.....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Total	4265	.....	34	70	349	41	334	2224	3375	3186	3186	530

COLUMBUS DISTRICT.

Columbus, St. Luke.....	525	.....	1	10	16	1	33	270	852	425	425	225
St. Paul.....	235	.....	1	11	13	1	18	130	300	500	500	170
“ Wesley Chapel.....	165	.....	5	15	15	1	14	100	100	200	200	165
Wesley.....	247	.....	3	25	25	2	7	158	400	300	300	95
Muscogee.....	305	.....	4	2	2	2	25	24	443	225	225	50
Hamilton.....	198	.....	2	1	1	3	3	38	133	50	50	64
Talbot.....	480	.....	3	16	46	8	38	203	279	500	500	20
Talbot.....	440	.....	5	18	31	5	52	210	1000	300	300	60
Genesee.....	425	.....	5	10	55	7	35	12	225	150	150	100
Butler.....	489	.....	6	40	40	4	4	21	125	281	281	78
Buena Vista.....	343	.....	4	9	9	9	2	21	125	338	338	78
Cusseta.....	295	.....	4	17	17	6	6	21	125	281	281	78
Oglethorpe Circuit.....	112	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Girard and Asbury.....	....	.....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Total	4259	.....	31	108	337	44	320	2181	4158	2881	2881	1027

AMERICUS DISTRICT.

Americus.....	388	.....	3	4	9	1	34	6	170	200	200	130
Bethel.....	274	.....	2	12	19	4	23	151	649	100	100	30
Magnolia Springs.....	264	.....	5	26	50	2	12	50	108	....	....	....
Ellaville.....	300	.....	6	21	20	2	18	28	140	300	300	9
Smithville.....	263	.....	1	3	3	3	3	15	125	235	235	200
Cuthbert.....	212	.....	1	3	5	6	6	35	200	60	60	95
Spring Vale.....	340	.....	2	13	35	4	4	27	187	350	350	125
Dawson and Georgetown.....	285	.....	6	6	45	3	3	35	219	125	125	78
Terrell.....	415	.....	1	6	1	1	1	20	107	700	700	123
Weston.....	431	.....	2	4	3	3	10	72	100	250	250	27
Lanarkin.....	164	.....	2	3	3	3	8	90	90	100	100	2
Stewart.....	259	.....	3	3	3	3	3	3	225	225	225	2
Florence.....	165	.....	3	3	3	3	3	3	90	100	100	2
Total	3760	38	83	254	35	271	2881	1687	2502	2502	1485

STATISTICAL TABLE.—(CONTINUED.)

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Stockton.....	306	2	18	3	3	16	80	100	105	5
Valdosta.....	267	2	14	2	22	130	250	80	80	80
Quitman.....	155	2	9	6	16	141	115	320	20	20
Morven.....	265	2	4	12	19	104	200	20	90	4
{ Moultrie.....	104	4	...	1	6	70	104	20	20	20
Total.....	2750	30	98	70	40	175	1131	1582	1321	442
ALTAMAHAA DISTRICT.										
Hinesville.....	380	8	18	6	23	8	40	225	225	50
Darien and McIntosh.....	110	...	6	3	16	2	8	35	35	35
Bryan Mission.....	35	2	15	16	3	...	...	200	150	16
Scarborough.....	149	6	3	10	10	...	...	...	100	12
Dublin.....	80	6	3	20	38	4	12	150	12	3
Wrightsville.....	250	2	6	6	4	4	4	60	75	15
County Line.....	211	2	15	15	57	3	12	66	66	29
Swainesboro.....	416	3	16	15	15	3	9	120	100	7
Jacksonville.....	347	3	11	11	3	2	5	204	199	2
Oconee.....	380	1	1	1	6	6	2	100	100	3
Coohran Mission.....	157	1	27	30	30	5	15	30	30	8
Altamaha.....	290	1	10	10	2	1	4	...	...	...
Ridgsville.....	290	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total.....	3695	27	137	239	41	141	141	1050	612	185
RECAPITULATION.										
Savannah District.....	4068	31	136	46	282	1983	2663	3160	3186	796
Macon District.....	4265	34	70	41	334	2224	3375	3375	3375	530
Columbus District.....	4259	31	108	44	320	1687	2502	4158	2881	1027
Americus District.....	3760	38	254	271	1292	1292	1292	1292	1292	799
Bainbridge District.....	2255	24	158	29	175	175	175	175	175	643
Brunswick District.....	2750	30	70	40	141	141	141	141	141	442
Altamaha District.....	3095	27	137	41	1050	1050	1050	1050	1050	185
Total, 1871.....	24452	215	719	276	1742	11558	15081	14462	14462	4422
Total, 1870.....	23147	216	795	48	1916	12838	17843	17297	17297	3597
Increase.....	1305	1	...	...	174	19	762	762	762	825
Decrease.....	...	...	...	...	174	19	2895	2895	2895	...

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Fort Valley and Marshallville.....	2	3000 00	700	1	3000 00	.....	.....	1218 50	191 50	44 00	100 00	250 00	150 00	90 00	.....	
Houston.....	5	2700 00	1100	1	1400	.....	.....	400 73	75 60	11 10	15 55	15 00	15 00	15 00	.....	
Beaver Dam Circuit.....	7	4000 00	500	1	1500 00	.....	.....	604 62	43 18	10 40	69 57	67 07	86 00	3 00	.....	
Perry.....	6	8350 00	1800	1	300 00	.....	.....	565 00	24 55	50 00	42 45	42 45	74 00	16 00	.....	
Hayneville.....	6	6500 00	2100	1	300 00	.....	.....	771 20	192 80	25 00	150 00	150 00	74 00	765 00	.....	
Montezuma.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	784 37	83 15	41 15	42 00	42 00	42 00	42 00	.....	
Dooly Mission.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	57	101750 00	14650	6	17800 00	101080 00	12750 20	13881 58	1626 23	331 83	1331 62	1485 37	1028 91	187 00	3993 68
COLUMBUS DISTRICT.																	
Columbus, St. Luke.....	1	23000 00	1200	1	2500 00	Organ, &c.	1800 00	762 00	2000 00	350 00	45 00	155 00	129 25	271 85	31 00	963 40	
St. Paul.....	1	23000 00	600	1	300	.....	1800 00	2000 00	350 00	50 00	265 00	244 50	110 00	5 00	166 00	
Wesley Chapel.....	1	500 00	2000	1	300	.....	64 00	715 90	119 35	10 00	.....	66 50	70 00	18 00	103 83	.....
“.....	5	2500 00	1000	1	1250 00	L. F. C.	6000 00	1000 00	225 00	30 00	55 00	55 00	42 00	42 00	25 00	24 00	
McGregor.....	4	3600 00	400	1	1250 00	.....	370 39	1100 00	195 00	30 00	101 50	107 25	42 00	42 00	25 00	24 00
Hamilton.....	1	6000 00	2000	1	2000	.....	.....	1212 25	260 00	35 00	89 00	190 00	43 00	43 00	50 00	50 00
Talbot.....	9	11000 00	2000	1	1520 00	.....	.....	768 00	15 00	15 00	15 00	15 00	5 00	5 00	50 00	50 00
Genova.....	11	2000 00	1500	1	1350 00	.....	90 00	1040 66	131 15	30 00	65 65	38 00	71 40	93 00	93 00	93 00
Butler.....	7	3500 00	2200	1	1200 00	.....	690 00	1325 00	200 00	30 00	40 00	51 50	150 00	150 00	25 00	25 00
Brienna, Vista.....	8	7000 00	1500	1	1600 00	Furniture.	80 00	500 00	997 20	113 50	25 00	80 00	80 00	30 00	30 00	30 00	
Ossetas.....	5	5000 00	1200	1	1600 00	.....	580 50	100 00	25 00	15 00	15 00	15 00	17 00	17 00	17 00	17 00
Oglethorpe Circuit.....	6	2000 00	250	1	1600 00	.....	45 00	291 55	.....	6 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 00	15 00
Girard and Asbury.....	1	800 00	250	1	1600 00	.....	7880 00	4391 39	13731 06	2151 60	361 00	947 65	890 50	907 08	149 00	1258 40
Total.....	60	89900 00	16170	5	8900 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
AMERICUS DISTRICT.																	
Americus.....	1	7000 00	500	1	3000 00	.....	400 64	1154 54	325 00	60 25	121 00	160 50	106 00	.....	144 30	
Bethel.....	6	2500 00	2000	1	1000 00	.....	470 55	116 00	22 70	23 15	22 20	101 75	19 00	.....	.....
Magnolia Springs.....	6	4100 00	1900	1	500 00	Gamp Gds.	100 00	33 00	681 94	113 50	30 00	45 00	45 00	37 40	5 00	.....
Ellaville.....	5	4500 00	1150	1	600 00	.....	825 00	250 00	500 00	51 00	25 00	30 00	32 00	32 00	50 00	.....
Smithville.....	6	1825 00	900	1	600 00	.....	1800 00	1200 00	146 00	110 00	30 00	32 50	43 25	10 00	10 00	350 00
Cuthbert.....	2	7500 00	900	1	600 00	.....	450 00	1000 00	176 25	23 75	150 00	150 00	60 00	60 00	100 00	105 00
Spring Vale.....	4	2400 00	800	1	350	.....	10 00	670 70	80 00	25 00	30 00	30 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00
Dawson and Georgetown.....	1	3000 00	1600	1	1600 00	.....	20 00	924 48	139 00	26 00	57 00	48 40	17 50	17 50	17 50	17 50
Terrell.....	7	4100 00	1200	1	800 00	.....	50 00	844 90	110 25	42 10	42 10	34 75	26 25	26 25	26 25	26 25
Weston.....	5	3500 00	400	1	1300	.....	62 00	100 00	124 00	16 00	5 25	5 25	5 25	5 25	5 25	5 25
Lumpkin.....	1	4600 00	700	1	700	.....	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00
Stewart.....	4	2500 00	700	1	700	.....	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00
Florence.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	53	50825 00	13700	5	5900 00	.....	100 00	3688 64	8994 11	1576 00	329 40	668 85	707 25	277 50	100 00	3759 30

STATISTICAL TABLE—(CONTINUED.)

STATIONS, CIRCUITS, &c.	REAL ESTATE.				MONEY RAISED DURING THE CONFERENCE YEAR.			
	CHURCHES.	PARS'GSES.	OTHER PROPERTY.		For the Conf. Collection..	For Domest'c Missions ...	For the Conference S. S. in the Charge.	In aid of other Church Enterpris's
Number.	Value	Value	Specifi- cation.....	Value	For the Bishops.....	For the Presid'g Elder.	For the Pastor and his Assistants..	For Build'g, Repair'g & Furnishing.
BAINBRIDGE DISTRICT.								
Bainbridge.	1 2,500 00	450	3 To'n Lots	500 00	120 00	90 50	86 50	18 00
Bainbridge Factory Mission.	4 3,500 00	1,500	225 00	461 75	100 45	30 60	25 50	15 00
Decatur.	4 2,500 00	600	50 00	580 00	70 00	8 30	8 30	3 00
Trinity.	2 4,000 00	400	230 89	16 00	5 00	76 25	12 00	.....
Colquitt.	3 1,500 00	800	695 00	100 00	10 00	50 00	50 00	.....
Ft. Gaines and Blakely.	3 2,300 00	1,600	273 76	34 00	10 00	8 95	8 95	.....
Morgan.	4 3,500 00	1,300	635 19	110 28	16 00	76 00	40 00	.....
Camilla.	5 1,000 00	1,500	500 00	495 00	72 00	5 00	65 00	.....
Cairo.	4 2,500 00	1,000	230 00	443 25	73 20	16 00	42 00	20 00
Grooversville.	3 1,700 00	400	360 00	43 20	10 00	30 00	41 00	.....
Thomasville.	1 3,700 00	400	630 00	1200 00	160 00	103 00	93 50	120 00
Albany.	1 4,000 00	300	638 00	800 00	100 00	25 00	76 00	10 00
Flint River Mission.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.	38 31,000 00	9,850 00	4,6100 00	1,850 00	3413 00	6974 84	998 93	140 75
BRUNSWICK DISTRICT.								
Brunswick and City Mission.	1 3,000 00	1,500	778 56	761 87	100 00	10 00	47 75	56 20
Buffalo Mission.	1 2,000 00	200	10 00	210 50	37 00	10 00	40 10	30 60
St. Mary's.	1 2,500 00	1,200	50 00	100 00	50 00	2 00	4 00	3 00
Center Village.	5 1,000 00	550	1,500 00	205 31	17 10	2 50	9 00	16 00
Waynesville.	9 2,500 00	2,200	460 00	200 00	405 93	42 00	6 00	5 00
Wareboro.	4 700 00	500	75 00	130 00	10 00	6 00	20 85	12 20
Jessup.	9 450 00	675	.....	.....	.....	6 15	8 10	.....
Hollerville.	2 200 00	750	.....	.....	171 00	15 50	2 50	6 35
Ocmulgee.	2 1,200 00	1,000
Nashville and Allapaha Mission.
						555 00	401 50	166 00

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